



Patricia Payne Hill

May 20, 1924 - April 25, 2023

Patricia Payne Hill passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 25, 2023 with her family at her bedside. Patricia was born in Laurel, Mississippi to J. Rush Payne and Pearl Payne on May 20, 1924.

Pat graduated from Laurel High School where she was an outstanding student, received many awards and was a majorette in the school marching band.

After graduating from high school Pat was recruited as a model by her sister Charlotte (also a model) and moved to New York for a while. After modeling, she became a flight attendant for National Airlines, was based in Jacksonville, Florida and flew the Jacksonville – Havana – New Orleans route. There were many great adventures flying on Douglas DC3s to Cuba including flying through hurricanes. After moving back to her hometown of Laurel, Pat had a long and enjoyable career as a bookkeeper for Masonite Hospital and later as head bookkeeper for Jones County Community Hospital. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Laurel. Her home in Laurel was the preferred gathering place for the entire family, including aunts and cousins from Mississippi and Louisiana who knew they were always welcome and loved.

Pat was a voracious reader with a love for great writing by authors such as

John Steinbeck, Harper Lee, Truman Capote and in particular William Faulkner. Pat's library at home rivaled many public libraries in both size and quality. She had the unique ability to quote classic poetry and Latin phrases from memory.

She is survived by her son, Miles E. Hill, Jr (Tracy) of Auburn, Alabama; grandchildren Rev. G. Rush Hill (Ruthie) of Atlanta, Georgia, Madison Mason Hill of Austin, Texas and Logan Chandler Hill of Telluride, Colorado; great grandchildren Charlotte Graham Hill and Wells Wood Hill.

A graveside service of celebration and remembrance will be held in Laurel, Mississippi at Hickory Grove Cemetery with her grandson, Rush, officiating on May 16th at 11:00 in the morning. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be given to Mercy Medical Clinic in Auburn, Alabama (www.mercymedicalauburn.org).

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

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“ *Miles, so sorry for your loss. She was a special lady and I have fond memories when I would visit you as a child. Praying for you and your family.*

John Riddell Smith

John Smith - May 01, 2023 at 08:28 AM

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“ *Miles,
So sorry for the loss of your mother. Praying for you and your family.
Janet McCraw Parish*

Janet M Parish - April 30, 2023 at 11:23 AM